

Application No. 10/014,995  
SD-6489

## REMARKS

### Changes to the Specification

Applicants have amended the Specification to provide a description of item number "22", with respect to Fig. 25. Item number 22 refers to the pores in the porous ceramic tube 10, which vary in size across the thickness of the tube 10.

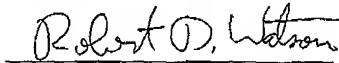
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### CONCLUSION

Applicants have responded to each and every objection the application as currently amended are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants request expeditious processing to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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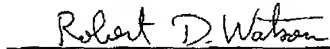
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